Capacity utilization of Indian Airlines

948. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the capacity utilisation of Indian Airlines with regard to passenger traffic as well as cargo traffic, in percentage, during the last three years;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to allow private sector to operate inland cargo-transport by air where public sector is not in a position to handle the same; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The passenger capacity utilisation of Indian Airlines and the total cargo carried by them during the last three years, is as under:

	Passenger traffic	Cargo including carried Mail
		(in tonne)
1983-84	72.6 %	1,11,272
1984-85	73.8 %	1,12,187
1985-86	73 9 %	1,29,516

No separate information regarding cargo capacity is available as Indian Airlines does not operate any aircraft exclusively for cargo and cargo capacity available on its schedule flights varies from flight to flight.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal at present.

949. (Transferred to the 1st August, 1986)

Filling up of the post of Director, Administration and finance in the Indian Council of Historical Research

950. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that post of the Director Administration and Finance, in the Indian Council of Historical Research has recently fallen vacant;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken for filling up the post;

(c) whether it is also a fact that one of the retired persons from the Department of Education and Culture has been appointed in the Indian Council of Historical Research; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The post is to be filled by the I.C.H.R.

(c) and (d) A retired Section Officer of the Department of Education was appointed as Administrative Officer in the Council w.e.f. 1.4.1985 in accordance with the Rules of the Council.

Birth Centenary of Shri Maithilisharan Gupta

951. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HU-

MAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee had been constituted for celebrating the birth centenary of Shri Maithilisharan Gupta, which falls on the 3rd August, 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Department of Culture is not taking necessary action for the immediate implementation of recommendations made by this Committee for organising the celebration; and

(c) whether Government propose to raise a memorial in honour of national poet Shri Gupta?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Government of Uttar Pradesh propose to instal the bust of the poet at his birthplace Chiragaon (Jhansi) The National Committee is organising year-long celebrations commencing with inaugurations on the 3rd of August and including events such as release of books and cassettes based on the works of the poet, documentaries, Kavi sammelans and seminars.

Plight of Leprosy Patients at Dehradun

952. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 3rd July, 1986 regarding the plight of leprosy patients living in a dilapidated colony of their own in a 'Khud' in Dehradun without any help or medical aid from the Government agencies; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes Sr.

(b) The District of Dehra Dun has been brought under multi drug regime since March, 1980 for treatment of leprosy patients. Survey of leprosy patients has been undertaken and after case detection, leprosy patients in this district are put on multi-drug treatment. Non-infectious cases are treated for a period of 6 months and the infectious cases for two years. Anti-leprosy drugs are supplied free of cost to the various treatment centres. Treatment is domicillary by and large. Complicated cases are admitted into leprosy hospitals for treatment. Rehabilitation scheme drawn up by Welfare Department provides for rehabilitation of deformed leprosy patients also besides other physically handicapped persons.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under the Customs Act, 1982.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1982, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification G.S.R. No. 950(E), dated the 18th July, 1986, amending Notification No 45-Customs dated the Ist March, 1979, so as to substitute the words "Life saving drugs and *medicines* specified" by the words and figures "Life Saving drugs and medicines specified" by the words and figures "life saving drugs and medicines failing within Chapter 99 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tamil Act 1975' or" in the first proviso to the Notification together with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon.

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